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PASS: AMBASSADOR YOUNG, LAURENCE GARUFI

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TAGS: OVIP (YOUNG, ANDREW)

SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION, PRESS REVIEW

1. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF AUG. 9-10 MEDIA REACTION TO  
CARIBBEAN TRIP AND OTHER EVENTS.

2. CARIBBEAN TRIP: UPI IN ROUNDUP STORY FROM WASHINGTON SAYS  
ADMINISTRATION MAKING "HIGH-LEVEL EFFORT THIS WEEK TO CARRY ITS  
HUMAN RIGHTS MESSAGE TO SOUTH AMERICA." STORY COVERS TRIPS OF  
AMBASSADOR YOUNG, ASST. SECY. TODMAN, PATRICIA DERIAN, AMB.  
LOWENSTEIN... NEWSDAY EDITORIAL AUG.8 SAID DESPITE "OBVIOUS  
ECONOMIC AND STRATEGIC REALITIES NO RECENT U.S. ADMIN-  
ISTRATION HAS PURSUED A COHERENT POLICY ON THE CARIBBEAN. SO  
IT'S GOOD NEWS THAT UN AMB ADREW YOUNG, THE COUNTRY'S MOST  
CREDIBLE SPOKESMAN IN THE UNDEVELOPED NATIONS, IS SPENDING  
TEN DAYS IN THE ISLANDS AS A FACTFINDER  
FOR PRESIDENT CARTER." ...FROM GEORGETOWN, UPI AUG. 10 MOVED  
STORY ON "SURPRISE MEETING LATE LAST NIGHT." BETWEEN  
AMB. YOUNG AND JOSHUA NKOMO...AMBASSADOR QUOTED AS  
SAYING HE DID NOT THINK PEACEFUL RHODESIAN SETTLEMENT  
WAS ANY CLOSER BUT ADDING HE IS "INCORRIGIBLE OPTIMIST."  
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...NYTIMES (TELTSCH) AUG. 10 REPORTED FROM SAN JOSE  
THAT AMB. YOUNG "UPHELD CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S STRONG  
ADVOCACY OF HUMAN RIGHTS HERE TODAY, INSISTING NATION  
BOUNDARIES AND SOVEREIGNTY BECOME LESS IMPORTANT 'WHEN  
HUMAN NEED CRIES OUT.'"...A.P. (LEDERER) FROM GEORGETOWN  
AUG. 9 REPORTED AMB. YOUNG SAID GUYANA LEFTIST IDEOLOGY  
NOT AS IMPORTANT AS WHETHER IT FEEDS HUNGRY AND PROMOTES

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL JUSTICE. EARLIER A.P. DISPATCH FROM SAN JOSE SAID A.I.D. ASST. ADMIN. VALDEZ, TRAVELING IN YOUNG PARTY, INDICATED U.S. ASSISTANCE TO COSTA RICA WOULD BE "SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASED," IN PART BECAUSE OF LONGTIME COSTA RICAN ADVOCACY OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

3. MIDEAST: LATE WEDNESDAY DISPATCHES BY WIRES ACCOMPANYING SECRETARY VANCE REPORTED HE SAID SOME SEEMINGLY IRRECONCILABLE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN ARABS AND ISRAELIS "HAVE DISAPPEARED," BUT GAP BETWEEN TWO SIDES ON PROCEDURAL AND SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES REMAINS WIDE. SECRETARY STILL EXPRESSED HOPE GENEVA CONFERENCE COULD RECONVENE BY YEAR END. ISRAELIS QUOTED FROM JERUSALEM AS SAYING IF ARABS INSIST ON HAVING PLO AT GENEVA, "THERE WILL BE NO GENEVA CONFERENCE".. WASH POST EDITORIAL AUG. 10 COMMENDS ADMINISTRATION FOR "BITING THE BULLET" ON MIDEAST BY TRYING TO INDUCE PALESTINIANS TO ACCEPT ISRAEL RIGHT TO EXIST AND PERSUADE ISRAEL TO ACCEPT PALESTINIANS AS NEGOTIATING PARTNER AND PEOPLE DESERVING "HOMELAND." POST COMMENTS: "THE OVERRIDING NEED IS TO DRAW ISRAELIS AND PALESTINIANS INTO MUTUAL RECOGNITION. EITHER YOU TRY TO SOLVE A PROBLEM OR YOU DON'T."

4. PANAMA: A. P. BULLETIN FROM PANAMA CITY WEDNESDAY NIGHT REPORTED AMBASSADORS LINOWITZ AND BUKER SAID U.S. AND PANAMA REACHED HISTORIC AGREEMENT ON ALL UNCLASSIFIED

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MAJOR ISSUES OF A NEW CANAL TREATY THAT WILL TURN WATERWAY OVER TO PANAMA BY END OF CENTURY. AMBASSADORS SAID THEY WOULD "GO IMMEDIATELY TO WHITE HOUSE TO REPORT TO PRESIDENT." THEY ALSO SAID AGREEMENT ON WORDING OF TREATY REMAINED TO BE WORKED OUT AFTER REVIEW OF PRINCIPLES BY PRESIDENT.

5. SOUTHERN AFRICA. NEW YORK PRESS NOW REPORTING PRESENCE OF SAM NUJOMA AT SWAPO-WESTERN FIVE TALKS HERE...LONDON TIMES AUG. 9 REPORTS "THE LONG DISCUSSIONS ON RHODESIA MOVE TO A CLIMAX THIS WEEK, WITH A SERIES OF MEETINGS IN LONDON CULMINATING IN A STRATEGIC REVIEW OF POLICY BETWEEN BRITAIN, U.S. AND SOUTH AFRICA. NEW ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS FOR A SETTLEMENT ARE EXPECTED TO BE FINALLY APPROVED, AND LATER PUBLISHED." ARTICLE REPORTS THAT LONDON VISITORS THIS WEEK EXPECTED TO INCLUDE (AT VARIOUS TIMES) SECRETARY VANCE, PRESIDENT NYERERE, MR. NKOMO, BISHOP MUZOREWA, AND MR. BOTHA. "KEY MEETING," SAYS LTIMES, IS VANCE-OWEN-BOTHA DISCUSSION. "BRITISH HOPE IS THAT SAG WILL USE ITS CONSIDERABLE INFLUENCE IN SALISBURY TO PUSH MR. SMITH INTO ACCEPTING, AT THIS EXTREMELY LATE HOUR, ANGLO-AMERICAN PLAN."

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